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IN THE MATTER OF TUCSON ELECTRIC  
POWER COMPANY, INC. FOR (1) APPROVAL  
OF A NET METERING TARIFF AND (2)  
PARTIAL WAIVER OF THE NET METERING  
RULES.

DOCKET NO. E-01933A-15-0100

**PROCEDURAL ORDER AND  
NOTIFICATION OF  
INTERVENTION**

**BY THE COMMISSION:**

On March 25, 2015, Tucson Electric Power Company ("TEP" or "Company") filed an Application with the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission") for : (1) approval of a new net-metering tariff for future net metered customers that provides monthly bill credits for any excess energy produced from an eligible net metering facility at a "Renewable Credit Rate"<sup>1</sup> and (2) approval of a partial waiver of the Commission's Net Metering Rules ("A.A.C. R14-2-2301 *et seq.*). TEP requests that the Commission set this matter for a hearing and issue a procedural schedule that will allow the Commission to consider and approve this application at an open meeting before December 31, 2015.

On April 1, 2015, TEP filed a Supplement to Application attaching a copy of the proposed tariff.

On April 6, 2015, TEP filed a Notice of Waiver of any 30-day "time clock" that would apply to the Company's Application.

On March 27, 2015, Kevin Koch, who states that he is the owner of Technicians for Sustainability, which has installed "over 1,000 solar electric systems in the TEP service territory"

<sup>1</sup> The proposed "Renewable Credit Rate" is the rate equivalent to the most recent utility scale renewable energy purchased power agreement connected to the Company's distribution system. According to the Application, the current Renewable Credit Rate would be 5.84 cents per kWh. The rate would apply to future DG Customers that qualify for the Commission's Net Metering Rules.

1 filed a Motion to Intervene in this matter.

2 On March 30, 2015, the Residential Utility Consumer Office ("RUCO") which was  
3 established by A.R. S. §40-461, et seq. for the purpose of representing residential utility consumers in  
4 matters before the Commission concerning public service corporations, filed an Application to  
5 Intervene.

6 On March 31, 2015, Arizona Solar Energy Industries Association ("AriSEIA") filed an  
7 Application to Intervene. AriSEIA is a nonprofit trade association. According to its Application,  
8 AriSEIA's Board of Directors passed a motion to intervene in this matter and to authorize its  
9 Chairman, Mark Holoham, to act on its behalf in this matter.

10 On April 2, 2015, The Alliance for Solar Choice ("TASC") filed an Application for Leave to  
11 Intervene. TASC is a solar energy advocacy association.

12 No party objected to any of these intervention requests.

13 On April 14, 2015, the Commission's Utility Division ("Staff") filed a Request for Procedural  
14 Order wherein Staff argued that the issues raised by TEP's Application should be addressed in a rate  
15 case, and that the Application should be dismissed. Staff proposed a briefing schedule on its motion  
16 to dismiss, and requested a Procedural Conference to consider the procedural course of this matter.

17 TEP's affiliate, UNS Electric, Inc. ("UNSE"), filed an identical application  
18 contemporaneously with TEP's application (Docket No. E-04204A-15-0099); TEP requests that the  
19 hearing in this docket be conducted in conjunction, but not consolidated, with the UNSE hearing as  
20 the issues and witnesses will be the same. In addition, Trico Electric Cooperative, Inc. ("Trico") has  
21 filed an application for a new net metering tariff (Docket No. E-01461A-15-0057) in which parties  
22 have raised the same question of whether the tariff needs to be considered in a rate case. While the  
23 dockets are distinct and will be evaluated on their own merits, consideration of the "rate case issue"  
24 should be coordinated.

25 A Procedural Conference will be scheduled to discuss the parties' recommendations for  
26 proceeding in the current docket. The Procedural Conference will be coordinated with Procedural  
27 Conferences for the UNSE and Trico applications.

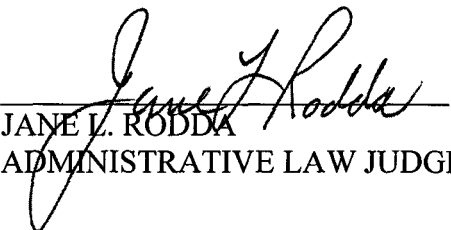
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that **intervention** in this docket is granted to **Mr. Koch, RUCO, AriSEIA, and TASC.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that a **Procedural Conference** shall commence on **April 27, 2015, at 10:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as is practical, at the Commission's Tucson offices, **Room 222, 400 West Congress, Tucson, Arizona 85701.**<sup>2</sup> The parties may appear telephonically by using the following conference line: **1-888-450-5996, code 457395#.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Ex Parte Rule (A.A.C. R14-3-113 - Unauthorized Communications) shall to apply to this proceeding and shall remain in effect until the Commission's Decision in this matter is final and non-appealable.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Presiding Officer may rescind, alter, amend, or waive any portion of this Procedural Order either by subsequent Procedural Order or by ruling at hearing.

DATED this 16<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
JANE L. RODDA  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

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<sup>2</sup> The TEP and UNSE Procedural Conferences will be heard concurrently, although they are not being consolidated.

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